

Fast Food Fax

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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand ranged light to instances fairly good, best where media promotions were planned. Breast items were in good balance and well cleared. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were adequate to at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Feb. 14, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	28,938	20,603	44,512	94,053
Percentage	31%	22%	47%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	6,104	6.49
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,346	6.75
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	6,736	7.16
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	9,752	10.37
		28,938	30.77

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Dec 27	205,370	102	167,849	103	187,654	101	153,838	101	113,075	73
Jan 03	206,254	101	167,988	102	190,111	105	155,730	105	134,816	119
Jan 10	206,536	101	166,997	103	192,300	101	156,694	101	158,835	118
Jan 17	207,059	102	166,475	102	201,007	102	164,411	102	157,478	99
Jan 24	205,000	100	165,359	100	205,388	103	167,623	104	147,528	94
Jan 31	204,704	100	168,331	101	204,156	102	166,730	102	150,873	102
Feb 07	206,646	102	168,779	102	208,746	103	170,504	103	153,788	102
Feb 14	207,625	103	166,259	100	204,376	102	168,328	104	152,505	99
Feb 21	208,416	102	166,648	101	207,299	102	168,398	102	152,287	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/01/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-77	75.71	76.36	55.73
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	69-72	72.16	72.28	55.49
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	77	77.52	77.47	67.42
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		75.52	75.09	60.83
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 72.25)		71.57	71.34	62.14
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		69.76	69.08	47.75

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	02/27/04	02/27/04	03/01/04
Breast - B/S	185.09	187.53	194.00
Tenderloins	185.66	202.64	221.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	98.60	98.16	100.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	38.70	36.47	39.50
Wings	122.93	122.15	122.00